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German publication DE 44 39 866 A1 and 295 01 098.3 were cited in the International Search Report for the PCT application which is the parent application of the present application. Applicant received the patents as printed, that is, in German, and Applicant has not obtained a translation. Applicant has included the patents in this Information Disclosure Statement because they were cited in the International Search Report.

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